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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTO DOMINGO 1438

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, DR  
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER: FORTHCOMING VISIT OF  
MARIO SOARES

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 1102; LISBON 1407

1. DURING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER YESTERDAY, HE  
COMPLAINED THAT  
HE HAD RECEIVED NOTHING OFFICIAL FROM  
THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL REGARDING THE SOARES VISIT.  
ALTHOUGH HE RECOGNIZED THAT SOARES WAS COMING TO PARTICIPATE  
IN A SEMINAR AND WAS NOT ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT, HE  
NEVERTHELESS FOUND IT CURIOUS NOT TO RECEIVE ANY OFFICIAL  
COMMUNICATION. HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE SECURITY AND  
PROTOCOL ASPECTS OF THE VISIT THAT HAD TO BE CONSIDERED  
IN ANY EVENT AND HE HAD NO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION UPON  
WHICH TO MAKE PROPER PREPARATIONS. HE INDICATED THAT  
EVERYONE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO ENSURE THAT SOARES RECEIVED  
TREATMENT APPROPRIATE TO HIS POSITION. BALAGUER CONTINUED  
GSPAT SINCE THE GODR DID NOT HAVE AN AMBASSADOR AT  
LISBON, HE HAD INSTRUCTED HIS AMBASSADOR IN LONDON TO  
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ASCERTAIN SOARES' DESIRES. HE CONCLUDED THAT HE WOULD  
BE GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING I COULD FIND OUT.

2. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE PRD (MAJOR OPPOSITION  
PARTY) IS PLANNING A HEAVY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS TO  
EXPLOIT SOARES' PRESENCE FOR ITS OWN POLITICAL PURPOSES.  
UNDOUBTEDLY, THIS INFORMATION HAS NETTLED THE PRESIDENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IF DEPT BELIEVES APPROPRIATE,  
WOULD RECOMMEND THAT IT BE SUGGESTED TO SOARES THAT HE  
TELEPHONE BALAGUER AND SET THE PRESIDENT'S MIND AT EASE.  
RECOMMEND ALSO THAT SOARES BE ALERTED TO POSSIBILITY  
THAT DESPITE HIS BEST INTENTIONS, HE MAY WELL FIND  
HIMSELF ENMESHED IN THE LOCAL POLITICAL CAMPAIGN THAT

IS IN FULL SWING HERE.  
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